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Dear Interested Party:

The National Marine Fisheries Service has announced that it is seeking nominations to fill two seats on the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) that are currently held by two Maine residents; the at-large seat currently held by Vincent Balzano and the obligatory seat currently held by Terry Alexander.

Governor LePage has asked that I solicit suggestions for nominees to these seats from commercial and recreational fisheries. Suggestions may be made by an association or an individual. The Governor will consider these suggestions and will nominate at least three individuals for each of the available NEFMC seats (note that current holders of those seats may be among the nominees). Industry and public input with regard to nominees is an important part of this process, ensuring we have individuals serving who effectively represent both the interests of the State as well as the health of the resource.

Since there is a significant amount of preparation required of the nominee once selected, we are asking that your suggestions for nominees be submitted to this Department by February 20, 2015. To speed up the process, feel free to call in, fax or email your recommendations to Jessica McKay, fax (207) 624-6024; email: Jessica.McKay@maine.gov; telephone: (207) 624-6553.

Please call if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Patrick C. Keliher
Commissioner